

### Remarks

Applicants herein add new independent claims 44 and 58 directed toward the combination of data generated by received echoes from at least two overlapping ultrasound beams into a material under investigation. Claims 45-57 and 59-71 are dependent upon new claims 44 and 58 respectively.

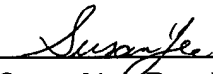
Applicants contend these new claims are fully supported by the specification of the application; Applicants request favorable consideration of these new claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative with any questions in the application.

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